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*Wednesday*

## **READINGS**

Psalm 101; Genesis 50: 15-26; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; Mark 8:11-26

## **DEVOTION**

Several years ago, when I was assigned to our National Training Center as an Observer/Controller, I was charged with showing rotating units “what right looks like.” In large part, I tried to accomplish this by sharing my warfighting experiences and knowledge of Army doctrine with leaders and Soldiers at all levels. However, my larger, and some would argue more important task, was to consistently present myself as the model Soldier/Warrior/Leader. As you would imagine, this was no easy task and to be brutally honest, forced me to turn away from many of the bad habits I had developed over the years, such as: using profanity, being too quick to anger, and being completely unforgiving when things went wrong.

As Christians, we share a burden similar to that of our O/Cs at the National Training Center. We must strive to live our lives so that others may see in us “what right looks like.” Each and every day, we are provided an awesome opportunity to witness to others by simply conducting ourselves in a Christ-like manner.

In Psalm 101, David encourages us to do this by showing great determination in behaving wisely at all times and turning away from sin. As Christians, by wearing our safety belt at night, showing up on time for church or communicating in an appropriate way with others, we can offer simple evidence of who we are, what we stand for, and what we believe in.

Over the years, I have learned how to behave wisely in church – staying awake most of the time – but the rest of the day can still be a challenge. During this Lenten season, I will be asking God to renew in me an intense desire to behave wisely all day long, so that I may set a Christian example of “what right looks like” for God and because of God. Please join me in praying that we could all be a better example for those with whom we serve.

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